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AH to launch Waste Wizard

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands is preparing to launch the Waste Wizard, a digital app to assist residents with waste disposal and recycling.

During a Sept. 5 council meeting, Melissa Murray, the township's environmental coordinator, gave councillors a demonstration of the application, which will be housed as an easily accessible web page on the Algonquin Highlands website. As Murray explained, the link can be easily embedded into the websites and social media pages of lake associations, local businesses, etc.

The Waste Wizard allows residents to search items by name to find out how to correctly dispose of them. For items that are not recyclable – black plastics, for instance – the app recommends more sustainable alternatives. For other items, clothing or furniture, for example, it provides local locations of places that accept donations. The township can customize the app to give residents certain instructions for certain items.

The app also provides analytics for staffers. They can see what items are being

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Solid exercise

West Guilford resident Steve Friend pushes on instructor Wilma Thomson, helping with a demonstration of a "solid position" during Fung Loy Kok Tai Chi's open house on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Stanhope Community Centre in Stanhope. See more photos on page 3. /DARREN LUM Staff

AH applies for funding for tower

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Highlands council.

The township will apply to a provincial funding program for major upgrades to the Dorset tower and the property on which it's located.

That application will be to the Community

Culture and Recreation stream of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. That program funds projects with a total value of up to \$5 million, with costs shared between the three levels of government. The guidelines state that municipalities can

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County to draft RFP for governance review

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

During a special meeting on Sept. 6, Haliburton County councillors instructed the county's chief administrative officer, along with the CAOs of the county's four, lower-tier townships, to draft a request for proposals for a service delivery and governance review of the local governments.

Councillors have been discussing the possibility of such a review throughout 2019. The study will look at both the delivery of services – at which tier each service is best delivered, if there are opportunities to consolidate services, etc. – and will also examine government structure, providing recommendations.

During the meeting Sept. 6, county CAO Mike Rutter told councillors it was his recommendation that an RFP be drafted by himself along with the CAOs of the county's four townships, and that once proposals are received, they be evaluated by the CAOs, along with some elected officials.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy Mayor and County Warden Liz Danielsen wondered, once the field was narrowed down to a few consultants, if it would be appropriate to have those consultants visit council to outline their process.

"What does council think about having them come and present?" Danielsen said. "This is really important, it affects everything we do."

There seemed to be agreement that seemed like a fine idea.

Rutter and Danielsen will also visit each of the lower-tier councils, outlining the plan and seeking support.

"If one municipality lags behind in this . . . it could affect the entire process," Rutter said. He said that the CAOs would meet periodically with the consultants and that councils may be consulted from time to time throughout the process.

"There may be times when county council, or even the four local councils, may need to be drawn in," Rutter said, explaining this may be for reasons of setting service levels, for example. "We would come back to you, we would not make

those decisions arbitrarily."

At the end of the process, council will be left with a series of recommendations from the consultant.

"It would be no different than any other study," Rutter said. "You may or may not choose to follow those recommendations."

"I'm very comfortable with the process, and I'm sure everybody will participate and do their best," said Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin, adding it was an exciting day. Devolin has been the most outwardly supportive of moving toward a single-tier-style government of any member of council, and has said in the past that if the county does not do some reorganizing on its own, he fears that reorganizing may be done for it by the province.

"It's exciting, but it's also a bit curious, because we don't know where we'll land," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt.

Devolin suggested that when it came time to review the proposals, that including councillors with "divergent views" might be a good idea.

"We all agreed we were going into this with an open mind," said Danielsen, "but I hear what you're saying."

The county is budgeting \$150,000 for the process, although Rutter has indicated that may end up being a conservative estimate. His proposal is that the county cover 50 per cent of the cost, and the four, lower-tier townships each contribute 12.5 per cent.

App can be easily shared

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searched by residents, for example, which as public works director Adam Thorn pointed out, could be useful for land-fill planning.

"It does provide a lot of information for staff and the [environment and stewardship] committee going forward," Thorn said.

Councillors were pleased with the application and its implications.

"It's all the information you could possibly want in one place," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

The township is planning an official launch for the near future.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East partnered on the purchase of the app, the annual cost for which is about \$3,000, or \$1,500 each. Each township can customize its application to suit its needs.

Log chute needs plan, Moffatt says

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request up to nearly 74 per cent of project funding, meaning they must provide a minimum of just more than 26 per cent of the cost.

Councillors discussed possible projects including new parking, boardwalks and viewing platforms at Buttermilk Falls and upgrades to community halls, but ultimately the decision came down to applying for funding for upgrades to the tower or to repair the damaged Hawk Lake Log Chute and upgrade its surrounding parkette.

The chute was badly damaged by flooding in the spring of 2017 and while the township has been trying to deal with the situation through its insurance plan, the chute remains damaged.

"It's infrastructure that we own and has been damaged and has been sitting there, in my mind, for too long," said Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen.

Mayor Carol Moffatt also said work needed to be done on the chute and its surrounding parkette, but noted she was trying not to say too much about the issue since she has such a personal connection to the site.

In her pre-political life, Moffatt oversaw the reconstruction of the log chute in the early 2000s, a project that took six years to complete. It was a re-creation of the structure that has existed at the site since 1861. During the logging boom of the 19th century, the log chute was used to pass timber from the Hawk Lakes into the Kennisis River, which flows into Halls Lake, where a sawmill once existed.

"We need to commit to a plan for the log chute," Moffatt said.

Other members of council expressed preference for the tower, and Moffatt said that if the township was going to go that direction, she would at least like acknowledgment from council that the chute was in need of a long-term plan, which members agreed was the case.

The work at the tower would include landscaping, roadway improvements and upgrades to the tower itself, as well as development of other viewpoints on the property. The township will hire a consulting/engineering firm to provide cost estimates for the project, with a budget for those services of up to \$8,000. Council needs to approve the application amount by its first November meeting in order to meet the deadline.

Spray foam insulation doesn't come cheap

The township will have spray foam insulation installed at Hangar D, the commercial hangar at the Stanhope Airport, at a total cost of more than \$100,000.

As previously reported, an inspection of the hangar found mould and revealed work, including the installation of new insulation, that needed to be done before the hangar could be leased to new clients.

In July, council approved the public works department to put out a tender for the work, and councillors were surprised at the figures that came back. The township received three bids, ranging from \$99,000 plus applicable taxes, to \$156,500 plus applicable taxes. Council chose the lowest bid.

"I was shocked at the amounts," said Mayor Carol Moffatt.

"Going with the spray foam is definitely the way to go for this type of building," said public works director Adam Thorn.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen asked if the hangar was the township's most profitable, and chief administrative officer Angie Bird said it was, when it was occupied.

Danielsen asked if there are at least clients interested in the hangar, and Thorn said there were two interested parties. The money will come from airport development reserves.

The hangar leases for \$9,500 a year.

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Minden hosts Terry Fox Run Sunday

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Under a grey sky, just outside Thunder Bay, Terry Fox's last day of running was on Sept. 1, 1980.

He later died from complications related to his cancer. He was just 22. Despite his death and the end of his run, it was the start of something greater.

The Marathon of Hope he started 143 days before, 5,373 kilometres away, in St.

John's, Nfld., continues today in thousands of communities around the world, including Hong Kong and the United Arab Emirates. More than \$750 million has been raised in his name.

Minden will look to break a combined years' total of \$300,000 on Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, located at 55 Parkside Street.

Long-time organizer Diane Peacock is stepping away from her role after 13 years to focus more on family after losing a cousin in June.

"It just made me realize that, hey, you know, family is important and take the time to enjoy it while you got it. So I just wanted to spend some more time with family and everything like that. It's time to pass the torch on," she said.

She said this Sunday will be bittersweet, as the event has been part of her life for 22 years and was inspired by her great-niece Victoria Peacock, who survived cancer after she was diagnosed with kidney cancer at nine months old.

She isn't ruling out volunteering for the event completely, but will not lead. She said the ideal candidate should be organized, have the necessary time and want to contribute to the Terry Fox Foundation and to the community. Whoever comes forward will be supported well by capable committee members. Anyone interested can contact her at 705-286-4914 or email povertyhill1175@

interhop.net.

Register for the run on Sunday, Sept. 15 starting at 9 a.m. The run starts at 9:30. The route, which includes a one-kilometre, five-kilometre and 10-kilometre options, can be run, walked and rolled, whether with strollers, bikes, and rollerblades.

The event also includes a silent auction from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m., and then live entertainment with Hank O'Reilly of Haliburton, and a barbecue at 10 a.m.

As in other years, the event will start with the march of the Terry's Team Members, which is comprised of a group of community members who have survived cancer.

"That tugs at your heart when you see that," Peacock said. "When you see the people that are survivors. You see what advancements Terry Fox Research Institute has made over the years."



Tai chi open house

Lynda Hill of Halls Lake executes a movement during Fung Loy Kok Tai Chi's open house on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the Stanhope Community Centre in Stanhope. Hill is a student of tai chi with 10 years of experience. Twenty-five people, including instructor Wilma Thomson and event lead instructor Janet Boyne, were in attendance. The next open house is Friday at Stanhope. The practice is inclusive and offers "seated sets" for those unable to perform actions standing. See www.taoist.org for more information. /DARREN LUM Staff



From left at front, Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin stands with Terry Fox Run committee members Ron Nesbitt, Diane Peacock, Jennifer Hughey and Caitlin Peacock at back, from left, Rozanne Hynard, Dana Manning, Jean Neville holding her two-year-old granddaughter Lily Neville, Cindy O'Hanley and Steve Taylor. Absent committee members: Jeanne Anthon, Pat Brezina, Barb Millington, Joan Taylor and Sue Smallwood. The group came together to raise the flag outside the Minden Hills Township office on Monday, promoting the upcoming run, set to take place Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Minden Hills Community Centre, located at 55 Parkside Street. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the run is at 9:30 a.m. People are welcome to run, walk, or roll. There are three distances: one-kilometre, five-kilometres and 10-kilometres. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Submission deadline is September 23, 2019 by 12:00 noon.

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Green Party candidate enters race in HKLB

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Elizabeth Fraser is hoping residents of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock will see Green next month.

Fraser is the Green Party candidate for the riding in the Oct. 21 federal election.

"I didn't get involved in politics too much until I went away to university," she says. Born in Bowmanville and raised in Bethany, Fraser is a third-year environmental studies student at Ottawa's Carleton University.

"I started to realize how important politics is . . . getting youth involved in politics is such a huge issue," Fraser says, referencing the typically low voter turnout rate among young people in Canada.

Fraser has been involved with the Green Party since starting her degree. She is a member of the Young Greens, founded the Carleton University Green Party Club and volunteers in the office of Green Party leader Elizabeth May. She's worked for Health Canada and currently works for the Canadian Revenue Agency.

Fraser told the *Minden Times* she believes the Green Party can be a viable alternative for voters in this election.

"I believe their financial and environmental policies can really make a positive impact on the lives of Canadians," she says.

The party's platform includes increased greenhouse gas reduction targets; ending all fossil fuel industry subsidies; divesting federal money from fossil fuels; abolishing college and university tuition and introducing a debt cancellation program for those with more than \$10,000 of student debt and introducing proportional representation, among many other policies.

"One that might be more specific [to the riding] is the money they would put into municipalities," Fraser says, noting that HKLB consists of a number of small, rural municipal governments.

Increasing long-term municipal funding is part of the



Elizabeth Fraser is the Green Party candidate in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock in the October federal election. /Photo submitted

Green plan, with a focus on sustainable transportation as well as introducing the type of internet infrastructure providing reliable high-speed connectivity, "so people can tele-work if they want to." Fraser points out these initiatives could help lower municipalities' carbon footprints, and says she also likes the party's policy proposal around creating very specific sustainability requirements for public buildings, starting with federal ones.

Policies that promote tele-working, "just take cars off the road, automatically," she says.

"I think that given the severity of environmental issues, I do think the Green Party is a good alternative," Fraser says.

"Our economic policies are a little more centrist than a lot

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Our economic policies are a little more centrist than a lot of people realize.

— ELIZABETH FRASER,
HKLB GREEN PARTY CANDIDATE

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of people realize," she says, acknowledging that while the riding tends to skew blue at the polls, the Green Party may be more fiscally conservative than some voters think.

Noting that small businesses are the backbone of the Canadian economy, Fraser also references the party's small business policies, which include the establishment of a federally funded Green Venture Capital to assist local, sustainable start-ups, eliminating duplicative tax filings, and holding taxation at no more than nine per cent.

"I'm excited to be able to have meaningful conversations with people in the riding," Fraser says.

She will join Liberal candidate Judi Forbes, NDP candidate Barbara Doyle and People's Party of Canada candidate Gene Balfour in challenging incumbent Conservative MP Jamie Schmale.

To learn more about Fraser, visit <https://www.greenparty.ca/en/riding/2013-35034>.

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Expanding Hawk Lakes parking

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands township continues to work at providing additional parking space along Little Hawk Lake Road and Big Hawk Lake Road, which both lead to docking areas for water-access properties, and which become crammed with parked vehicles during the summer months.

A private property owner along Little Hawk Lake Road is willing to sell a parcel of land to the township for the construction of additional parking, and councillors agreed during a Sept. 5 meeting that the township will have an appraisal performed and then enter negotiations with the property owner.

At Big Hawk, the plan is to develop 1.5 to two acres of township-owned land to provide additional parking, and that project will include some topographical obstacles.

"We are faced with some pretty big challenges there," public works director Adam Thorn told councillors. The biggest challenge is that a hill constitutes much of the property. A level area at the bottom, and a larger area at the top could be used for parking, and would need to be connected with a road. A report from Thorn indicates a contractor has estimated the work for the development of the property would cost about \$115,000, and also recommends the township contract an engineering firm to create a development plan. The estimated cost for that is \$10,000 to \$15,000.

Deputy Mayor Liz Danielsen supported developing both levels at the same time at the Big Hawk Lake site.

"Personally, I think we should bite the bullet and develop both levels at one time," Danielsen said, adding she believed this would save money in the long run.

Councillor Lisa Barry thought council should prioritize one of the two projects to be completed first.

"It is a lot of money to spend on two parking lots in one area," Barry said. "I think we should prioritize them at this

time, that's how I feel."

"Some may see this as unfair investment for one group of users," Mayor Carol Moffatt said, but added that it was ultimately about the provision of emergency services, since cars parked along the roadway can severely interfere with traffic.

Because of the complexity of the Big Hawk Lake project, Thorn recommended hiring an engineering firm to act as project manager, preliminary designer and concept developer and the township will release a request for quotations for that work, with those figures coming back to the council table.

For the Big Hawk project, Thorn said the plan was for engineering and design to be completed in 2020, with construction taking place in 2021 and 2022. The Little Hawk project being simpler, if the township does proceed with the purchase of the property, Thorn said the work could likely take place in 2020.



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Waste wizardry

THIS COLUMN is about a digital application for waste disposal and recycling, which is a lot cooler than it sounds.

During their meeting last week, Algonquin Highlands councillors were given a demonstration of the Waste Wizard, an app the township will host on its website and which will assist residents with their waste disposal practices.

Hang on, it does get interesting, I swear.

If residents are unsure what to do about getting rid of a particular item, they can search for that item within the application and receive instructions. There's an inventory of hundreds and hundreds of items on the app. The interesting part is that the app also provides, let's call it advice, about reducing the amount of waste one produces.

If the material is something that can't be recycled, the application provides suggestions for more environmentally sustainable options. Also, if the items are things that could be used by someone else, say clothing or furniture, it provides local locations where such items can be donated, rather than taking up space in the township's landfill sites.

See? That's the cool part.

Ostensibly the app should help to improve residents' purchasing, recycling and reuse habits, which should in theory lead to increased diversion of waste from landfills, which should in turn contribute to lengthening the remaining lifespan estimates for those landfills.

Landfills and waste disposal are

and will continue to be one of the biggest challenges for Haliburton County's local governments. There have been a number of stories lately about the increasing cost of recycling as markets for recyclable materials crash. Within the county, lifespans for its existing landfills are in most cases down to a number of decades. While continued improvement of sustainable production methods, recycling technologies, the introduction of legislation to make producers responsible for end-of-life care of their products, and improved behaviours can help to actually lengthen the lifespan of these facilities, the reality is within the next generation or two, the issue of waste disposal is going to come to a head in Haliburton

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

County. Creating new landfills is an incredibly complicated, cumbersome and expensive process, so when the existing landfills reach capacity, that may mean solutions such as trucking waste out of the community to incinerators in the GTA, which will also be incredibly expensive.

Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East councils have partnered on the purchase of the app, the cost for which is about \$3,000 per year, split between the two municipalities. This is a nominal amount of money for any municipal government, and one that could potentially yield large environmental returns.

Minden Hills and Dysart et al should also consider using the application.

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"You're too close to your work."

Grouse behaviour

WITH GROUSE season just around the corner, I have been paying a lot more attention to these great game birds and their behaviour. I figure watching them and learning how they handle different situations might give me the edge once hunting season rolls around.

The fact that I am doing this should come as no surprise to anyone who knows me. I have always believed a hunter should study the strengths and weaknesses of his or her quarry.

My most recent experience at analyzing grouse behaviour happened yesterday when Jenn and I went on a 10 kilometre hike. Near the end of our walk, as we were coming out of the woods, we noticed a blackberry patch that was filled with thumbnail sized berries, so naturally we stopped to pick some.

While doing so, I could hear the sounds of grouse and soon realized there was a family group hiding deep inside the prickly thicket. You could hear them quietly calling and moving back and forth. I suspected they were waiting for just the right time to escape.

Less than a few seconds later it happened. A big bird, presumably momma, rocketed out of the thicket with the strong and steady flight of a "partridge" that has escaped dozens of similar encounters. Then over the next few minutes as we picked berries, three more birds took off. These were her youngsters as evidenced by their size and more bumblebee-like flight.

To some observers, this would have been cute.

To me, however, it was a front row seat to a psychological test – one that gave me a chance to know the birds I might be hunting later this season.

Here's what I learned.

The first bird – the big mature hen – was smart enough to know that no blackberry is worth getting injured over. This is something I have never actually figured out. Therefore, my assessment is that this is a bird I will probably never outsmart.

The second bird that followed is a tough call. It emulated its mother and therefore was in some ways smarter than its siblings. On the other hand, in a hunting situation, the flush of its mother (even if it caught the hunter completely off guard) would have put that same hunter on high alert for the next flush. In other words, this one would have flown out just as the hunter was ready to shoot. Not the safest move.

The third bird that flushed was definitely a smart one too. After all, it probably looked to the second bird and said, "Let's both fly out on the count of three."

And then it didn't.

This is a bird that will probably make it to old age – although its friends won't.

The fourth bird is the smartest of all, however. First, it is the one that ate the most blackberries. This means that it will most likely be the one who never starves. But that's not the most intelligent thing about this bird.

What is? Well, it demonstrated a working knowledge of math.

It knew the fourth bird out has a definite advantage, especially when you are dealing with a hunter who has a three-shot grouse gun. That's the kind of intelligence that will win every time.

This might seem silly to some. But even Jenn, who has no interest in hunting, understood the value of this mental exercise.

As I explained it, she looked at me, tapped her temple and muttered, "You're totally bird-brained."

I blushed a little and then ate another berry.

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

The unfair cottage tax

THE CAMPAIGNING has yet to hit full stride, but federal election day is just over a month away with plenty of serious issues to debate. There is one issue that will not see any debate, probably because it does not impact large swaths of voters.

That issue is the unfairness of the capital gains tax on cottages. It is an issue that causes much grief among older folks wanting to pass the family cottage on to the next generations.

Capital gains tax applies when a capital asset is sold for more than the purchase price. For instance, if you bought a stock for \$1,000 and sold it for \$10,000, capital gains tax applies to 50 per cent of the \$9,000 gain. So you pay tax on \$4,500 at your marginal tax rate.

Seems fair enough. Make a profit, pay tax.

It's not when it comes to trying to keep a cottage in the family.

Here's the unfairness: You built a modest cottage on a lake 35 years ago. It cost \$35,000 to acquire the lot and to get the bare bones basics built.

The children grew up enjoying the place, swimming, paddling, hiking, nightly campfires and all the other fun things children do at cottages. Suddenly they are adults with their own children and the cottage, which has undergone

various renovations and additions, is being enjoyed by three generations.

People don't last forever so the time arrives when the parents who built the place pass away, leaving the cottage to one or more children.

Improvements over the years added some value to the cottage. But basically it's the same place, on the same lake, providing the same family enjoyment.

The improvements over the decades might have raised the total cost of the place to say, \$100,000. However, when the children inherit it, they are shocked to find the market value is \$600,000.

So federal tax law says that the market value of \$600,000, minus the \$100,000 total cost of the place, means there has been a capital gain of \$500,000. The inheritors then are stuck with paying capital gains tax on one half of that gain, which could be a \$100,000 or more tax bill depending on their marginal tax rates.

The children don't have the money to pay the tax so they sell the cottage and pay the tax from the sale price. They now have a nice bundle of cash but the cottage that was a family treasure for 35 years is gone.

There no doubt are people who build or buy cottages to fix up and sell for profit. Their goal was to turn a profit, so it seems fair that they pay capital gains tax on the profit.

However, the family cottage enjoyed by three generations is different. The parents built it for pleasure, with no thought of financial gain. In fact, most family cottages are a financial drain – the price paid for the family's enjoyment.

Improvements increased the cottage value. But they were made to accommodate the growing family. There was no expectation of financial gain or that the value one day would be \$600,000.

A chunk of the increased value came from inflation. So part of the capital gains tax payable on the cottage is simply for inflation.

Look at it another way. You bought stocks in 2008 for \$100,000. Over the 10-year period ended June 2018 inflation was roughly 16 per cent. So the \$100,000 of stocks bought in 2008 now are worth \$116,000 in 2018 dollars.

That \$16,000 of inflation is a gain that is taxable if the stock is sold. Yet the \$116,000 in 2018 dollars has no more purchasing power than the \$100,000 in 2008 dollars. It is a larger number but because of inflation cannot buy more goods or services.

There are ways to reduce capital gains tax on a cottage passed to family members. However, finding the best ways involves hiring lawyers, accountants and realtors to work out the details.

I failed high school math twice so I'm not a reliable source on details of capital gains taxes. However, my rudimentary understanding tells me it is an unfair tax in legitimate cases of parents wanting to pass along the family heritage cottage to their children.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The four stages of competence

THE STAGES of competence define how we learn. Four very distinct stages have been identified. Here's the breakdown:

- Stage One - Unconscious incompetence: We all have to start somewhere, and this is the place. The quote: "I don't know what I don't know" applies here. Before the next level can be achieved we have to recognize that we're in this phase. In some cases we deny the importance of the skill we're attempting to learn and we give up.

- Stage Two - Conscious incompetence: At this point we get that we're not good at the skill we're trying to learn. In some situations we're OK with the mistake because we see the greater good in learning the skill, in others we throw our hands up and quit.

- Stage Three - Conscious competence: This is when the "ah ha" moment happens. We realize that we can do this and it feels good so we're motivated to continue. While the task can be done it takes concentration to get the desired results. Sometimes it has to be broken down into steps to make it manageable.

- Stage Four - Unconscious competence: At this stage the skill has become second nature. It can be performed so easily that it can be done while doing something else (multi-tasking). It's at this stage that teaching the skill to others is possible.

Learning is something that we should never stop doing no matter how much of a



LAURIE SWEIG

Practical Fitness

challenge it may seem to be. It keeps our brain active and it keeps our brains and our bodies connected. I experienced this when I was taking classical guitar lessons. I've played the acoustic guitar for a number of years. The fingers on my left hand can easily move from a D chord to a G or an A or a B minor while my right hand hits the strings to make music. The classical guitar set me back years. If I spent any time in the "unconscious incompetence" stage it wasn't very long because I could feel the incompetence in a big way. All of my bad habits were put under a microscope. It was difficult to stick with. Who wants to practice something that you're lousy

at? Not me, that's for sure. I did persevere and I was getting close to the "conscious competence" level when I had to put things on hold. I'm ready to get back to the classical guitar. I know I will be starting at the second level but that's OK. I'm ready for it this time.

These stages of learning apply to everything that we do. I see people give up on a fitness activity or lifestyle change because it feels like a waste of time. It's not. It's a part of the process. It's the journey. Sometimes, when we let it, the journey can be way more rewarding than the destination.

Something to think about.

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Theatre night in Dorset

DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross

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Professional theatre is coming back to Dorset on Oct. 19 at the Dorset Rec Centre. Bill Colgate and Joan Bendon as well as the Dorset Community Partnership Fund present *Love Letters*, written by 1989 Pulitzer Prize winner for drama, playwright A.R. Gurney. *Love Letters* was a mega Broadway hit and on stages around the world.

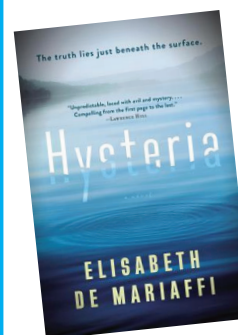
The story follows characters Andrea Makepeace Ladd III and Melissa Gardner, who begin a lifelong correspondence that starts in childhood and stays strong for the next 50 years. The love letters they write each other describe their lives and form the basis for their relationship, as the sometimes-

sweethearts, sometimes-friends go through angst-ridden teenage years, travel and adventures, failed marriages, great successes, missed opportunities and shared nostalgia.

This is a staged reading, which transforms a play into a breathtaking, memorable experience. It falls between a full-blown production and a script reading, which is simply actors sitting around a table while they read a script, however, a staged reading is not a simple script reading. Instead, actors are rehearsed and in character, but they do have scripts on hand. They perform on stage using a minimal set and costumes are also minimal. The stage is lit and sometimes there is music in the background if it aids the story. A staged reading is a great way to experience live theatre up close.

Stay tuned to dorsetcanada.com and Dorset Canada's Facebook page for more information on how you can purchase tickets.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



HYSTERIA by Elisabeth de Mariaffi

Heike Lerner's life looks perfect from the outside: an easy routine of caring for her young son Daniel, spending her days wandering the woods, and engaging in charming conversation at night. It all helps to keep her mind at ease, or so her husband Eric says. But some days Heike wonders... is everything as idyllic as it seems? Lately, things have felt off. Eric has become more and more controlling. Is it all in her head?

Then the unthinkable happens. Daniel vanishes.

Desperate to find her son, Heike will try anything, but Eric insists on a calm that feels so cold she wonders if she can trust him at all.

Could Eric be involved in Daniel's disappearance? Or is it something darker? The closer Heike gets to the truth, the faster it slips away. But she will not rest until she finds her son.



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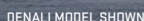
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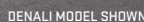
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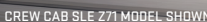
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A musical treat: Danny Michel in concert

A delightful musical treat is coming to Haliburton – singer/songwriter Danny Michel performs a solo concert on Friday, Sept. 20, 8 p.m. at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion. It's a show sure to warm your heart, make you smile and even, as Toronto's *Sticky Mag* says, "...restore your faith in humanity."

Danny Michel is a multi-talented singer, songwriter, producer and filmmaker. He is an artist who defies genres and whose music

has influences of rock, pop, folk, world and even classical. In his 20+ years as a musician, Michel has released 12 albums, including *Klebnikov*, possibly the most northern album ever recorded, aboard a Soviet-era icebreaker. He toured with Stuart McLean and the Vinyl Café, who described him as, "Just fabulous ... kind of like Paul Simon in the rhymin' Simon days." Michel has also collaborated with Commander Chris Hadfield and performed at the birthday par-

ties of David Suzuki and Jane Goodall.

Michel's adventurous spirit has taken him to 25 countries and unique corners of the world. He's always armed with a story and a song ... from the Arctic, to the jungles of Belize, his scholarship program, the environment and more. All this conveyed with great writing, guitar playing and arrangements that convey a message along with a sense of hope and possibility. His music appeals to people of any age!

This show is the first of the 2019-20 Concert Series hosted by the Haliburton County Folk Society. Local singer/songwriter Cassidy Taylor will do an opening

set.

The *Toronto Star* describes Michel as "...one of this country's undiscovered musical treasures." Don't miss this opportunity to discover this treasure for yourself! Tickets are still available but selling fast. Find them online at www.haliburtonfolk.com or in Minden at On the Spot Variety and Haliburton at Halco/The Source. Adults \$25, students and HCFS members \$20. \$30 at the door...but don't wait 'til then, because there might not be any left!

-Submitted by the Haliburton County Folk Society



County council holds priority-setting session

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

Haliburton County councillors, along with the county's senior staffers, took part in a goals and objectives exercise on Sept. 6, in a session that was scheduled to last about six hours.

The session was facilitated by consultant Erik Lockhart, and was to establish priorities for 2019 through 2023, so essentially direction for this term of council.

"I think more than say, five priorities are too many," said Lockhart, as the session got underway.

Along with establishing what those priorities would be, Lockhart said the point of the exercise was to establish what success meant within each of those priority areas.

He said a followup report would come back to the county within six to eight weeks.

"We're going to come back to you with a kind of draft roadmap for the county," Lockhart said.

The current council term began in late 2018, running until late 2022.

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Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club going strong

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

On a Monday morning in September, just past 9 a.m., the streets of Minden village are quiet with students in school and traffic from the workday commute at its destination, so the sound of weighted discs sliding along the shuffleboard courts located next to the tennis courts on Prentice Street fills the crisp air.

Almost 20 Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club players who have met there for a game or two of singles and doubles shuffleboard are as relaxed as the morning feels, stepping into place to take their turn and quietly enjoying the sport, chatting about current events, family meet-ups, the status of their health, or their game itself while watching their partners across the court, noting which discs “count” in the scoring area. Every once in awhile someone will call out to gently tease a player down the way, sometimes their own partner, sometimes simply calling attention to their own playing that day.

The shuffleboard courts have been busy since the club had them built in 1986, with a \$15,000 federal New Horizons grant, on land donated by the then-municipality of Anson,

Hindon and Minden. Members of the shuffleboard club, which included then-club president Bill Ingram on a board of 10 directors, used the courts that year for instruction for beginners and fine-tuning of skills by the likes of the gold shuffleboard winners of the 1985 and 1986 Ontario Adult Games, according to a *Minden Times* article published in July 1986. The opening ceremonies were held Aug. 6 to celebrate the new facility, which offered four playing surfaces, a small equipment shed and benches for spectators and players that the club really began putting into play the next year for a full season. That court is still being used today, having seen a refurbishing in 2009 with another federal government grant for \$15,600.

“We’ve redone everything, we’ve redone the cement, the benches ... everything was getting to a point where it needed to be repaired,” said John Fortune, who has been president of the shuffleboard club for the past eight years. He got involved in the club here about 12 years ago, after he and his wife moved to the area.

“I liked shuffleboard, we had played it down in Florida,” he said. “I went out, and said, ‘let’s go see shuffleboard.’ We went out and started right away. So I became a director, and from a director I became a vice-president, and from a vice-president I became president.”

Together with fellow board members he helps manage the

club, which has stayed strong for more than three decades and today has 75 members, ranging in age from about 60 to their late-80s (the club is generally open to those 55 or older). Members sign up in the spring, and start playing, weather-permitting, during the last week of May until the middle of September on Mondays and Wednesdays, with a fun game

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John Fortune, president of the Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club, said the club has about 75 members who play throughout the season in Minden. The club was responsible for building the courts in 1986. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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- File No. PLSRA2019002:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Mountain Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 8, Geographic Township of Minden, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10261, registered July 9, 2019.
- File No. PLSRA2019004:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Little Bob Lake, lying in front of Lot 14, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10264, registered July 23, 2019.
- File No. PLRA2018049:** Part of the original road allowance between Lot 8, Concessions 4 & 5, Geographic Township of Anson, designated as Parts 2, 3, and 4, on a Plan of Survey 19R-10248, registered May 17, 2019.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at iclending@mindenhills.ca.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, September 12, 2019** at the hour of 9:00 AM At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. If deemed advisable, the proposed By-laws will be passed at its regular meeting to be held on **Thursday, September 26, 2019.**

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this September 5, 2019

Ian Clendening, MPI., Planner



Shuffleboard helps about 75 members be active and social on the Minden courts. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Players hope for indoor court, too

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on Friday.

“Everybody pays 50 cents, and you pull a poker chip with a number [to match you to a partner],” said Fortune. “The winning team wins the money, depending on how many players are out. If there’s eight players, that’s \$4, split between two people, you win \$2. And I’ll tell you, regardless of how much money it is, they want to win.”

“They’re serious about it,” said Wally Reed, who joined the club about four years ago, becoming a director this year. He said he used to curl, but can’t do so as much with a “bad knee,” though he notes some shuffleboard players also curl and play pickle ball.

The cost of a season is \$35 for a full member, or \$15 for a spare player, a fee which includes game play and use of the equipment, and also a barbecue held at Fortune’s house. An awards banquet is held at the end of the season.

“How the barbecue started, was my wife said, ‘oh, we only have a banquet, why don’t we have a barbecue?’” laughed Fortune. “And that’s how the barbecue started.”

Games run about 45 minutes each.

“Being a member of shuffleboard, you don’t have to really be active at all, you just stand there and do it,” said Fortune. “It’s a good social club. It gets seniors out and socialized with other seniors.”

“It’s a real social, shuffleboard,” said Reed. “You’ve got the banquet, you’ve got the barbecue, and then the people joking and laughing while they’re playing the game.”

They both laugh as Reed explains the club plays so that those who “go into the kitchen,” a minus 10 point square on the board, lose 10 points but also have to pay up a dime.

“And of course, that gets people going all the time, yelling and shouting,” said Reed. “It’s lots of fun. The object is to knock the other person out, or get them in the kitchen if you can. We’ve got one there, who’s really deadly. You don’t dare get in front of him if you don’t want to end up in the kitchen. It’s a bit cutthroat but all in good fun.”

The club takes care of the outdoor courts themselves, with volunteers beginning at 6 a.m. some mornings to prepare the space for play, cutting the grass around the courts and planning maintenance, including this year the resanding and repainting of courts and repair of benches. Through the club, for the past five years, the Haliburton Red Wolves have come in every Friday afternoon for practices and games.

With support from the community, including a petition, Fortune and Reed as part of the Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club have been requesting that the new arena and recreation complex being built in Minden include an indoor shuffleboard court for the fall, winter and early spring seasons.

“A lot of seniors won’t travel in the wintertime,” said Fortune, acknowledging an indoor court available in Algonquin Highlands. “Once you say, we’re working on getting courts, everyone’s excited.”

Mark Coleman, community services director, said the township is working to include two full-size or four compact courts in the gym design of the new complex, “pending line configurations between the other sports such as pickle ball, badminton, basketball and volleyball.”

It’s clear the Minden Seniors Shuffleboard Club members love the game, ensuring it thrives locally.

“That’s one of the reasons we want to keep it going in the winter if we can,” said Reed.

Olga Mark keeps track of the score at a game being played on the morning of Sept. 9.



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2019 presents sunny financial picture for HHHSF

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

The sun shining perfectly reflected much of the bright, positive picture of the past year outlined in reports and the financial audit for the Haliburton Highlands Health

Services Foundation at the annual general meeting on Thursday, Sept. 5 at the Haliburton hospital.

Before the audit was presented, HHHS

Foundation board chairman Peter Oyler gave thanks to Gary Pike, who has stepped away from his presidency duties this past year due to illness, for his service and commitment.

John West of auditor Grant Thornton said the foundation had a good year and the future financial position of the foundation is strong, as he provided an overview of the financial statements for this past year.

"As I reported in prior years, the foundation has great service and products you sell in the community and the projects that you've undertaken certainly have captured the interest of the community. It's aligned with what they want to see happen. They obviously have confidence in staff and leadership, not only here at the foundation, but also the corporation," he said.

West pointed out fundraising is within several hundred dollars of the previous year.

"That's amazing. That's great," he said.

He added the three main sources of fundraising are the Matt Duchene Charity Golf Classic, the Cash for Care Lottery and the sale from stuffed animal toys.

The amount received under the foundation's Special Gift Program, which can include bequests in wills, had nearly tripled compared to the previous year.

"While it can vary, it shows a good trend. People are getting more aware of that option to give shares and obviously it's working and people feel they want to do that to make a difference to the foundation," West said. "Good work on the Special Gift Program and keep at it because it's a long-term project. It does pay off in the long run."

He finished by stating there are not any recommendations for changes. Audit testing did not uncover any significant issues or problem areas.

"What you see is what you get. There are no skeletons in the closet so it's been a good year for the foundation," he said.

HHHSF executive director Lisa Tompkins credited the foundation's various events for the amounts they contribute.

She reminded everyone at the meeting about how at the end of the last past fiscal year the foundation is "better than halfway" towards raising the necessary \$525,000 for the cardiac telemetry equipment. She added the foundation is on track to meeting the fundraising goal by this fiscal quarter.

Tompkins pointed out after a four-year hiatus, the Hike for Hospice event returned in partnership with HHHS. It helped to raise more than \$7,000, but also raised awareness for hospice and palliative care.

The Bee'cause We Care event was held for the first time and will continue.

It raised \$3,518 and included the showcase of local teen entrepreneur Morgan Burke of Birds and the Bees.

Tompkins highlighted the more than \$3.2 million raised from the Special Gift Program since it started.

"All of these types of events are very important to us and we are grateful to those who contribute to them and to those who manage them for us," she said.

The executive director thanked the volunteers, service clubs, lake associations, organizations and businesses that support the foundation recently and in the past. She also acknowledged the foundation's board of directors for their dedication, skills and leadership.

The board has welcomed three new members: Susannah Moylan, Angela Jones and Cathy Mack. The board now has a full complement of 14 members.

HHHS president and CEO Carolyn

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HHHS summarizes year at foundation AGM

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Plummer offered highlights about a year of firsts such as the new palliative suites, the implementation of telemedicine equipment and the bone densitometry equipment. There were 103 admissions to the palliative suites during their first full year of operation. “Clearly, very much needed,” Plummer said. “We received and continue to receive extremely overwhelming positive feedback from families and patients and staff as well, who really appreciate the space and everything it offers those who are reaching the end of their life.”

“We received and continue to receive extremely over-whelming positive feedback.”
—HHHS CEO CAROLYN PLUMMER

The numbers for the telemedicine equipment demonstrate the value of its availability. There were 1,531 clinical visits and almost 500,000 hours of travel time saved and close to 7,500 hours of time saved, she said. The bone densitometry equipment had 453 visits. Also, there has been a new position added for acute care in emergency departments. “It’s one of the first of its kind in the province,” Plummer said. “It’s an initiative aimed at really helping older people and their caregivers where responsive behaviours associated with cognitive impairment are an issue, particularly related to dementia and other neurological conditions. We now have a nurse with specialized training in that environment to help provide that additional support there. That’s very exciting for us.” HHHS starting with a deficit of close to \$250,000, and then being able to end the year with a surplus of a little more than \$11,000 is a “a major accomplishment,” she said. “On behalf of the HHHS I would like express our heartfelt thanks to the foundation board, staff and volunteers for all your hard work and dedication without which we wouldn’t be able to provide the top quality health services for this community. Thank you all very, very much,” said Plummer.

Planning for proactive aging

We plan for retirement. We try not to think too much about long-term care until we have to. But what about that “gap” called aging that happens in between the two? Sooner or later, each of us has to accept that we are aging. Everyone’s journey may be different with some experiencing few issues and others experiencing many. In order to prepare for what may lie ahead, Aging Well Haliburton County, in partnership with CARP Chapter 54, and with funding generously provided by the Haliburton County Development Corporation, is pleased to present Bridging the Gap: Independence to Assistance – a workshop for aging adults and their advocates on how to be proactive. This free event will feature presentations on: hearing loss from the Canadian Hearing Society; vision issues from the Haliburton Vision Care Centre; and when to call 911 from Haliburton County Paramedic Services. A presentation from Aging Well will encourage participants to begin considering housing options and Community Support Services will provide information about supports available to help Haliburton County seniors age in place as long as possible, including the community paramedicine program. The jam-packed morning will conclude with a presentation from Claire Kadwell, a lawyer originally from the

Haliburton area, now practicing in Kingston at Cunningham Swan LLP, who will talk about some of the legal and financial concerns that can arise. Even those who have wills and powers of attorneys in place will find her presentation very thought-provoking as she speaks to some of the unexpected complexities that can arise even with the best laid plans. Several agencies and local businesses will also have display tables at the event, providing even more information and resources to participants. After a light lunch provided by the Haliburton Legion Ladies Auxiliary, an hour has been set aside in the afternoon for one on one consultation with these agencies and businesses, should anyone wish to have a personal conversation with them about their particular needs. Bridging the Gap: Independence to Assistance will be held Friday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Haliburton Legion. Haliburton County seniors as well as their advocates or family members are welcome to attend. Admission is free but seating is limited so anyone interested in attending is asked to register in advance by contacting Sheila Robb at 705-489-4201 or Doreen Boville at 1-866-888-4577 ext. 2323. -Submitted

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Rails End Gallery to announce TAG Summit

A local committee is able to invite an international guest speaker to an upcoming November Summit thanks to a grant from Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC).

TAG – the initiative to develop Toronto-Algonquin Greenway as an international sustainable travel route, will host its inaugural partners' summit on Nov. 3 and 4 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride. Details will be announced at a public reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Rails End Gallery and Arts Centre, which coincidentally was the birthplace of the concept.

Everyone is welcome to learn about the "slow travel" greenway, its international tourism potential, and the guest speakers who will participate in November. The two-day summit will welcome stakeholders from the GTA to Algonquin Park, and showcase Haliburton Highlands as an innovator in sustainable tourism.

"I'm very excited for TAG. This is a big idea that I hope will make a leap forward," said Barb Bolin, board member of HCDC,

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This is a big idea that I hope will make a leap forward.

— BARB BOLIN

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after the grant was awarded.

Sir Sam's Ski and Ride is the venue sponsor, and #MyHaliburtonHighlands is a promotional partner. Other partners' contributions will be recognized at Tuesday's reception. TAG co-ordinator Pamela Marsales will give a short slideshow presentation to illustrate details of the TAG route, international greenway examples, and outline the agenda and highlights of the Summit coming up in less than two months. Easy, fun volunteer positions will be identified for those who'd like to be involved. Light refreshments will be served.

"TAG Summit 2019 is an opportunity for the community to welcome a diverse mix of partners coming at our invitation to collaborate in an international tourism innovation. TAG's particular approach to integrated travel and community development has attracted attention from greenway peers in Europe and the United States," said Marsales. "I just received an email from a colleague in Poland this morning asking how the project is progressing."

The TAG Committee is part of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative, also known as the "Co-op" whose mandate is to "encourage, develop and support entrepreneurial initiatives that contribute to the social, cultural, environmental and economic well-being of Haliburton County and its residents." Toronto-Algonquin Greenway is being planned as a long distance tourism travel attraction that will benefit 30 individual communities along its route.

For more information contact Pamela Marsales, TAG co-ordinator, 705 457-4767 or at pamela.marsales@gmail.com.



TAG team at a regional partners' meeting in Peterborough, June 11. From left, Ute Wright - chair, Pamela Marsales - co-ordinator, Tammy Rea, Kate Butler and Jewelle Schiedel-Webb - committee members. / Photo by Rodney Fuentes



The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 Decoration Day Sunday, September 15th

The Minden Legion is conducting a Decoration Day ceremony in the Minden cemetery on Sunday, September 15th at 1:30 p.m.

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Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group

When: Wed. Sept. 18. Doors open 6 p.m., speaker at 7 p.m.
Where: Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden
What: Author Andrew Clark presents his book "A Keen Soldier - the Execution of WWII Private Harold Pringle"
Cost: No charge, everyone welcome
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Life and execution of Private Harold Pringle subject of upcoming talk

by JENN WATT
Editor

Journalist Andrew Clark first started looking into the execution of Canadian soldier Harold Pringle following the Second World War because of a story told to him by his own grandfather, who had served in Italy.

In a rare conversation about the war, his grandfather told him about Pringle, who had deserted and joined a gang involved in the black market, and was eventually charged with participating in the murder of a fellow gang member.

"That kind of stuck with me and after my grandfather passed away in 2000, I did a freedom of information request to get Harold Pringle's military record. Once I read that, I was fairly convinced there was something going on that was worth investigating," Clark said in an interview with the *Minden Times*.

"After that, there were many, many, many more files. And that there was a two-year process of researching and writing that book."

The book, *A Keen Soldier: The Execution of Second World War Private Harold Pringle*, was published in 2002 and was nominated for the Governor-General's Award for Literary Non-Fiction.

On Wednesday, Sept. 18, Clark will be speaking at Minden's Lions Hall about his book and research techniques at an event organized by the Bark Lake Cultural Developments and Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group.

Before Clark began his research, little was known of Pringle. The Canadian military didn't acknowledge his execution and other than one contemporaneous report, there wasn't much to be found.

"There was a veteran named Colin McDougall who wrote a novel called *Execution* that was obviously loosely based on the case of Harold Pringle, but it was a novel. When I first contacted the army they said no soldiers had been executed during the Second World War. I think in a way they had forgotten about it," he said.

The story of Harold Pringle, the events leading up to his death and the act of execution itself, illustrate the horrible nature of war. Although he was just one of millions dead in the conflict, Clark said Pringle's death stands out because of how deliberately it came to pass and that it came after the war was over: July of 1945.

"There were only 31 Canadians kept in Avellino [Italy] and they're kept specifically to execute him," Clark said. "... Harold lost his life, but ... it was a different kind of sentence for the people who had to be part of the execution."

In researching the book, Clark also conducted interviews with veterans, including the man who was tasked with running the execution.

"He had never talked to anyone about it, he'd never told his family about it," he said. "It must have been strange for him to have someone show up and know all about it, or at least have this interest. He passed away and I eventually got a letter from his family, they had found my book in his belongings. They had no idea of any of it."

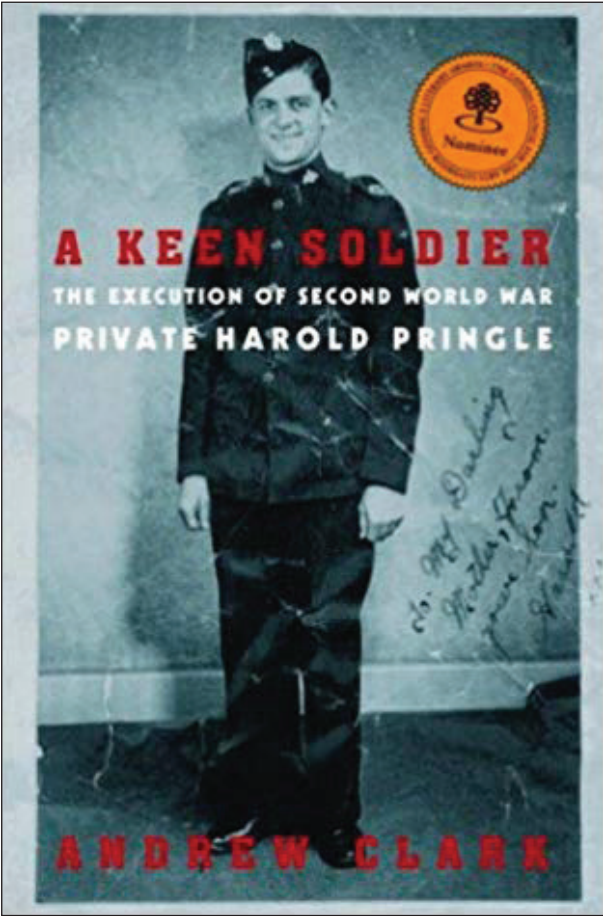
Although *A Keen Soldier* was a piece of investigative journalism, Clark said he wouldn't hound anyone for an interview. He made inquiries and those who wanted to speak about that time were free to call him back.

"My position with it: it wasn't my place to judge people who had gone through something I'd never even come close to going through. I didn't feel like when I'm writing a book about Harold that it was a disgrace to the military or anything like that. ... I can understand if you were in his regiment and you thought he was a disgrace because he deserted, that's your business, you were there," he said.

Prospects for a soldier fighting in Italy were often grim. "The reality is, desertion was an issue for the Allies in Italy because they were a smaller force attacking a larger force. The casualties were actually quite high and they know that the campaign they're waging there is a diversionary one. At some point, people are worn out. ... I was impressed by how much people stuck it out and the allegiance they had to their fellow soldiers and their regiments. I think with Harold, he didn't necessarily find that bond that sometimes happens."

Clark said the decision to execute Pringle, along with two British soldiers who were also part of the same gang, may have been politically motivated.

"The decision was made to execute Harold because the British had executed their two soldiers involved in this mur-



Journalist Andrew Clark will be speaking in Minden about his book, *A Keen Soldier*, on Wednesday, Sept. 18. The book details the events leading up to the execution of the Canadian soldier following the end of the Second World War in Italy.

der, ostensibly," he said.

Locally, there were also issues with deserters involved in the black market.

"In a way, by executing these guys, they're sending a message to the Romans of we're cracking down on the black market and deserters. It's a pretty politically motivated execution," he said.

Although the book was published 17 years ago, the story is still unveiling itself.

"I went to Winnipeg in June to see a gentleman who was actually there at Avellino and present when Harold Pringle had his sentence promulgated to him, in other words, the morning of his execution at 4 a.m., this fellow drove the brigadier to Harold and was there when Harold was told that he was going to be executed at 8 a.m.," Clark said.

He's still processing the information he received from that meeting, which he said reminded him that in non-fiction, stories are never really over.

Andrew Clark will be speaking at the Minden Lions Hall on Bobcaygeon Road on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. The event is free and all are welcome.

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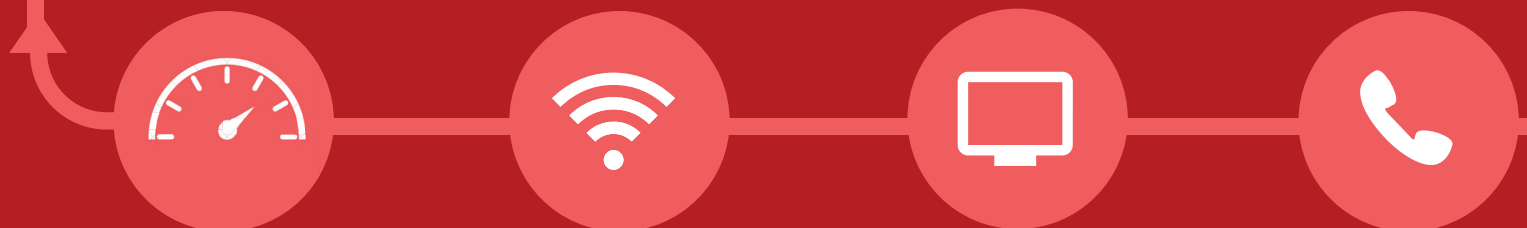
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Chamber updates lead staff position

The board of directors of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce announced last week that they have updated the title and job description of their staff lead, Jennifer Locke, from manager to executive director.

This change will bring a modern and strategic focus to the organization and will represent a level of professionalism that better reflects the scope of work required to maintain relevancy and value to its membership.

"The board of directors has considered the role in the context of the future of the Chamber," said Andrea Strano, HHCC presi-

dent, "and this is a great opportunity for Jennifer to provide thoughtful leadership to the Chamber; we are certain she will surpass all of our expectations."

The board of directors voted unanimously to approve the change at the Sept. 3 meeting.

Jennifer Locke came to the Chamber in May of 2018 after achieving master's degrees in sustainability in both Ontario and Saskatchewan, where she specifically focused on Canadian corporate sustainability. She has worked with great success for large corporations as a consultant, in provincial and municipal governments, and even in small businesses in the county. She is a graduate of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, and an alumna of Western University and the University of Saskatchewan.

"I am so humbled and flattered by the level of support I have received from the board. They are such wonderful assets to this organization and the community," said Locke, "I believe passionately in this Chamber and its capacity to enhance our local economy."

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No decision yet on fall emergency hours

by Jack Brezina

St. Joseph's Hospital Board has bypassed the recommendation of the Haliburton Community Advisory Committee and asked the board's finance committee to examine the hours of operation and funding of the Minden Hospital Emergency Department. The action was taken at the Board's monthly meeting held in Peterborough Tuesday (September 5).

The Community Advisory Committee, a group established over a year ago to provide the board with local input into decisions affecting the two county hospitals, had recommended the emergency service at the Minden site be reduced to 16 hours daily, seven days a week. The emergency department would be closed from midnight to 8 a.m. During the closed period emergency cases would be handled at the Haliburton Hospital or transferred to hospitals outside the county.

Director of the two hospitals Foster Loucks, explained to the board that the reduced hours were needed to ease the financial strain on the hospital's budget.

Earlier this summer, doctors from outside the area were employed on a 24 a day basis, at a guaranteed rate of pay, to keep the emergency department operational. A portion of the emergency on call service was provided by two doctors, Chayer and Warsi, who were already practising family medicine in the community. Both these doctors left the community last week, leaving no local physicians to assist at the emergency department.

A number of doctors continue to provide clinic services at the newly purchased Lions Medical Centre, but none are available to service the emergency department. As Loucks explained, this has increased the financial strain on the hospital budget.

Loucks told the meeting that the 24 hours a day agreement between the hospital and the emergency room doctors expires at the end of September. Following negotiations and extensive discussion by the Community Advisory Committee, the doctors had agreed that a 16 hour a day operation would be acceptable to them. He said the doctors had indicated that a service period of less than 16 hours was not attractive for the doctors serving the emergency department. These doctors, who specialize in emergency medicine, travel from Lindsay and Barrie to service the emergency department.

Loucks said it is important to come to a formal agreement shortly because these doctors must also draw up their own schedules in their home communities. He added it is unfair and could jeopardize the ability of the doctors to

serve the Minden facility if an arrangement is not struck immediately.

While the recommendation came from the Community Advisory Committee and had the approval of the doctors now serving the Minden emergency department, other members of the St. Joseph's board were reluctant to accept the proposal. Several members of the board expressed concern about the impact the continuing payment of doctors would have on the local hospital's budget.

Questioned by the trustees, Loucks told the meeting that despite a summer which saw the emergency department as busy as past years, the hospital was still required to provide \$300 to \$1200 a day to "top up" the guaranteed amount the doctors had been promised. (Under the arrangement, the emergency room doctors were guaranteed \$85 per hour. Any fees for services these doctors generated would be subtracted from this guaranteed amount.)

It was suggested at the meeting that maintaining the Minden emergency service on a 24 hour a day basis during the summer months, the busiest time of the year, still cost the hospital an average of \$1000 per day. "At this rate it could result in a serious financial situation for the hospital," one member of the board suggested. A second trustee pointed out that since emergency room usage will drop off now that the summer is past, the cost could be even higher to continue with the current arrangement, even if the operation are cut to 16 hours.

The trustees suggested sev-

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While other "Dippys" cut through the wisps of early morning fog hovering over the still surface of Lake Kashagawigamog, two members of the Dispro Owners Association prepare to depart from the Bonnie View Inn dock. For the first time in the group's history, the annual regatta was held in the Highlands. Close to 100 attended. See story on page 13.

County infrastructure funding finally receives approval

by Andrew Milne

Infrastructure funding was officially approved last week for an addition to the county building.

Haliburton County Warden Ross Rabjohn said he is very much looking forward to having the addition built.

"It's badly needed and long overdue. There are just so many things with the old building that needed to be attended to — the leaks in the roof, the plumbing problems, the bricks that are falling off the outside. We could have spent our third of the money in order just to do the needed repairs. This way we'll get the job done properly — not just a patch up sort of thing," Rabjohn commented on Friday.

The \$749,000 infrastructure project has followed a somewhat tortuous path to this point.

Deliberations regarding the construction of a new county building to replace the aging facility on Newcastle Street have been ongoing for most of a decade. Late in

1994, however, the county applied for and received approval for a new, \$2.4 million building to be located on the Highway 35 bypass. Shepherded into being by Lutterworth reeve Jim McMahon, then county warden, the project would have cost the county around \$800,000. McMahon described it as "a long-term solution" to the county's facility problems. It was hoped, he said, that the building would also be able to house a number of other government services, including perhaps the OPP detachment. The Minden detachment is currently located on the 35 bypass, but will require new facilities shortly.

Immediately following the 1994 municipal elections, however, there seems to have been a shift in the balance of power on county council. McMahon was not returned as warden. The new council, in its first working meeting, on January 18, 1995, deliberated for some time in closed session regarding the project, then voted to redirect

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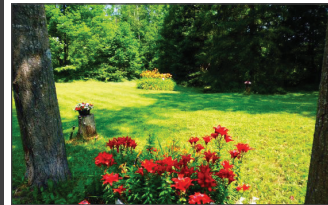
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- 1500 feet of shoreline & 2.8 acres
- Majestic pines & granite rock outcrops



Dagmar Boettcher**
457-5968

Kennisis River Access \$225,000

- Good sized 3-bedroom 2 bath home
- Separate large garage
- Office or art studio
- Deeded access to Kennisis River



Kim Butt*
286-2138 x31

How Can I Help?

- Call to arrange for an opinion of value
- Call to discuss your purchasing needs



Andy Campbell
854-0292

Twelve Mile Lake \$685,000

- 1400 St Ft. 3 bedrooms, year-round
- On a 3-lake chain, boat to 2 resorts
- Boathouse & two detached garages
- Just 2 minutes from Carnarvon!



Gloria Carnochan*
754-1932

Kennisis SW Exp Sand & Deep

- 2100 Sq 'Living Space, 3 Bdrm, 4 Pc Bath, Lg Kit
- Lg Lr/Dr & Lg Lower Rec Rm, 2 New Decks
- Covered Sitting Area, Terrific View Yr Rd, Wifi



Mark Dennys*
457-0473

Silver Beach Townhouse \$515,000

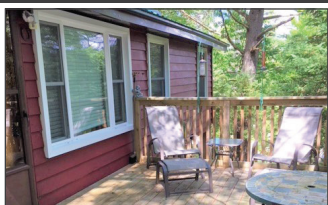
- Apprx 2765 Sq. Ft. Open Concept
- 3 Bdrm, 3 Bath, Custom Kitchen
- Insulated Attached 2 Car Garage, Elevator



Tom Ecclestone*
286-2138 x 26

Gull Lake \$425,000

- 3-bedroom cottage in Deep Bay, Gull Lake
- 140 feet of frontage, beautiful SE exposure
- Lakeside converted boat house, turnkey



Lindsay Elder**
457-5878

Spar Lake \$324,500

- Lovingly cared for 2-bedroom cottage
- Open plan with a deck & patio with gazebo
- Many outdoor living area, spacious fire pit
- Plus many recent upgrades throughout!



Lee Gauthier**
489-9968

Beech Lake \$399,000

- Cozy low maintenance 3 bdrm cottage + Bunkie
- Flat lot, 100 ft sandy, shallow frontage, sunset view
- Ideal for retirees with grandchildren, fully furnished



Fred Heinzel**
788-5825

Exclusive waterfront \$639,000

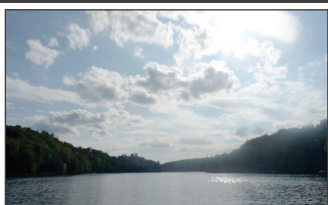
- Custom built, 3300 sq. ft. home with 4 beds, 4 baths (partially completed)
- Over 500' waterfront on quiet lake in Lake of Bays area



Andrew Hodgson***
286-2138 x 29

Carnarvon Home \$379,000

- 4-bedroom, 1 bath home w/ Large barn/workshop
- Plus TWO apartments & an Airbnb rental suite
- Live here & let the rentals for your mortgage & expenses!



Susanne James*
Andy Mosher**
457-2128 x 33

Long Lake - Building Lot \$199,900

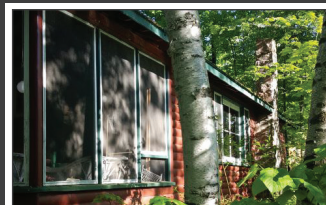
- Awesome 2-Lake chain (Long & Miskwabi)
- Driveway and building site cleared
- 110 feet of shoreline
- Elevated lot with great view, summer sunsets



Rosemarie Jung*
457-7049

Minden Home \$289,000

- 3+ bedroom & 2-bath home
- Propane furnace & air conditioning
- Close to the school & downtown Minden
- Perfect for a family or retirement!



David Lee*
286-2138 x 27

Black Lake Cottage ONLY \$239,000

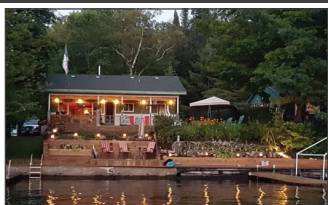
- WAO classic cottage
- 2 bedrooms + loft.
- Screened room, septic & hydro
- 100 feet of waterfrontage



Brandon Nimigon*
457-2128 x 27

East Moore Lake \$789,000

- Custom-crafted 4 season, under 2H from GTA
- Open concept interior, sunroom & WO to deck
- 3-bedroom, 2 bath, large second level loft
- Extreme privacy, to 239' of deep clean shoreline



Karen Nimigon**
457-6505

Moore Lake \$429,500

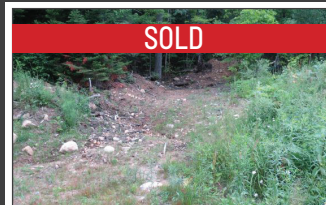
- Turnkey, 3 season cottage under 2H from the GTA
- Spacious open concept interior w/ 3 bedrooms
- On a 3-lake chain W/ rippled sand shore & West Exp.



Kirsten Rae*
286-2138 x 30

Little Hawk Lake \$439,900

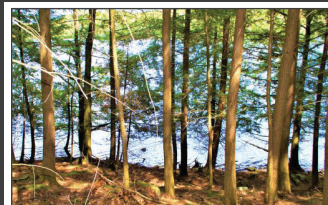
- Cute & cozy renovated cottage with lakeside bunkie
- Algonquin setting with big lake views
- One of only 15 cottages with road access



Darlene Reil*
447-2055

Highland Grove \$39,900

- Over 5 acres with driveway installed
- 10 minutes to Bancroft



Christine Sharp*
286-2138 x59

Deeded Moose Lake Access \$97,600

- Over an acre of land
- Steps from Sir Sam's ski hill
- Easy access



Greg Stamp*
457-2128 x 28

Hunter Creek Estates \$124,000

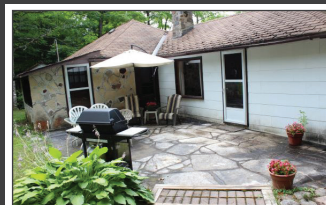
- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large corner lot, minutes to Minden



Melanie Vigrass*
286-2138 x 32

Minden Bungalow \$349,500

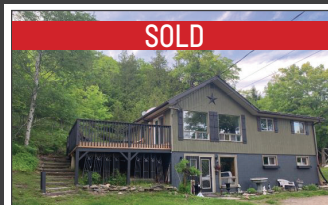
- Recently renovated home with 3 bedrooms
- New flooring, freshly painted, new electric furnace
- Located on a large corner lot, minutes to Minden



Tom Wilkinson
286-2138 x 25

Glamor Lake \$599,000

- 621' of waterfront and 21 acres
- Sunset exposure
- Clean sandy waterfront



Andrea Wilson**
457-2128 x 25

Haliburton Village Home \$329,000

- Private 3-bedroom, 2 bath in-town home
- Open concept living area with cathedral ceiling
- Sitting on 3.77 acres with a hilltop view

With offices located in Haliburton 705-457-2128, Minden 705-286-2138,
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